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Batumi Harbor (41-39N, 41-38E)

1. The Oil Docks. There are four oil docks in the Neftyanaya (Petroleum) Basin of very solid wooden construction. Dock No. 1 is 70 to 80 meters in length, while No. 2 and No. 3 docks are somewhat longer. Dock No. 4 is slightly smaller than Dock No. 1. See attached sketch of Batumi Harbor.
  - a. Vessels loading oil do not tie up to these docks, but to buoys placed nearby. It was estimated that the depth of the water near docks 3 and 4 was approximately 30 feet. Docks No. 1, 2 and 3 will service vessels up to 15,000 tons, while Dock No. 4 will only service smaller vessels.
  - b. Each oil dock is equipped with eleven or twelve pipe lines for different types of oils.
  - c. The mole has a hard even surface. It has no railroad, though a railroad does reach the Neftyanaya Basin, stopping at a gate at the south east corner of this area.
  - d. At the end of the mole is situated quite a powerful light.
2. South Neftyanaya dock. The dock at the southern end of Neftyanaya Basin is constructed of concrete. Its equipment includes one stationary crane with an estimated capacity of fifteen tons. A large warehouse of some age is situated just behind this crane. A road in very poor condition connects the eastern and western gates leading to the Neftyanaya Basin. There are a number of railroad tracks which lead to the area around the warehouse. These are not set in the concrete, but are placed on it.
3. West Harbor. This part of the harbor consists of a small concrete dock for vessels up to 2000 tons and a ship repair yard. This repair yard is the only one in the port of Batumi. There were no drydocks or floating drydocks observed anywhere in the harbor.

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4. Kabotazhnaya (Cabotage) Harbor. This section of the harbor is very shallow and is only used by rowboats.

#### Shipping

5. Two large modern tugs, each of approximately 1200 HP, were seen in the harbor. One was steam powered, the other motor driven.
6. Six or seven motor torpedo boats were observed at the repair yard. Though they were not marked, their control structures were painted in different colors.
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7. Two motor torpedo boats met the [REDACTED] vessel about six miles outside the harbor, and escorted the vessel into port. One motor torpedo boat patrolled the harbor area daily.
8. A short distance from the repair yard were observed two small destroyers at anchor. These resembled the LXT 17 type (?), though they were somewhat shorter in length.
9. A large Soviet passenger vessel of some 20,000 tons, possibly ex-German, entered the harbor [REDACTED]. It docked at the southern end of Neftvanava Basin. It was learned that this ship was to leave for Odessa on 26 April 1950.
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#### Military Information

10. North of the town of Batumi, west of the harbor, were observed three anti-aircraft guns. [REDACTED] there were other guns in this vicinity which were not visible because of the dense vegetation. East of the harbor, near Bartskhana Fort, were installed three search lights which illuminated the harbor area at night.
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11. In the town of Batumi were a great many military personnel. There was frequent marching to the accompaniment of military bands.
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12. West of Batumi was situated a large flying field. This was plainly visible [REDACTED]. There was constant air activity. Most of the planes observed were fighters [REDACTED]. At one time 20 planes were observed in the air at the same time; they flew in two formations. These were propeller driven but made little noise.
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#### Miscellaneous Information

13. Many locomotives were observed in the freight station. Most were drawing trains composed of tank cars.
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14. [REDACTED] hundreds of oil storage tanks were observed near the offices of the Naptha Syndicate. All were camouflaged.
15. A lightbuoy was anchored in the harbor at a position east of the repair yard. Near this buoy were placed two stakes. East of these three markers the water is extremely shallow.
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16. [REDACTED]
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17. [REDACTED] fairly large floating drydock being towed by two Soviet tugs.

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